

# What St. Lucie County Does to Secure Elections

## Voting Tabulation Systems

- ✓ Precinct results are encrypted and transferred to a stand-alone server that has **NO** connection to the internet to tabulate and report preliminary election results, and therefore, cannot be accessed (hacked) by any outside entity.
- ✓ St. Lucie County is one of only seven counties that use a State Certified independent audit system to perform a 100% public audit after each election. Florida law requires at a minimum, an audit of 2% of the county's precincts.
- ✓ Florida is a 100% paper ballot State. Voted paper ballots from each election are used to verify results during a recount or an audit. Paper ballots are held for 22 months.
- ✓ Our state certified voting equipment is rigorously tested before each election with a pre and public logic and accuracy test (L&A), verifying the equipment will accurately count and record votes exactly as marked. Security seals are applied to all voting equipment and documented prior to deployment to assist elections officials with detection of possible tampering. The L&A (pre-test of all voting machines), is conducted under the supervision of the canvassing board made up of a County Judge, County Commissioner and the Supervisor of Elections.
- ✓ Individual paper results are printed from each voting machine at each precinct and returned to our office on Election Night. The paper tapes are compared against the electronically transferred results.
- ✓ All election facilities are secured and monitored utilizing cameras and motion sensors to prevent unauthorized access.

## Network Security

- ✓ We purchased and installed an ALBERT Sensor, which was placed online in March of 2018. The ALBERT server monitors the network 24/7 to report any suspicious activity.
- ✓ We are running a highly rated enterprise level anti-virus software package, malware software package, and we ensure all our desktops and servers are up-to-date.
- ✓ We have joined Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), which conducts monthly webinars to ensure that we are abreast of the latest cyber security to safeguard our network system.
- ✓ The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and MS-ISAC does continuous scans of our systems and notify us of any known vulnerabilities.
- ✓ DHS has completed a physical inspection of our office, analyzed the property and provided industry standard security protocols.
- ✓ We utilize an industry leading firewall solution that is updated, contains a list of blocked IPs and includes reporting tools to identify network security threats, issues and trends.
- ✓ Election staff have been trained utilizing courses provided through the Florida Division of Elections and the University of West Florida.